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PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT Studies and Plans

FAU Route 5822 (Milan Beltway)
Section 1-3
Rock Island County
Job No. P-92-096-84
Milan Beltway Extension over the Rock River

February 12, 2003

Ms. Dorene A. Bollman
Department of the Army
Rock Island Corps of Engineers
Clock Tower Building - P.O. Box 2004
Rock Island, IL 61024-2004

Dear Ms. Bollman:

The Department has reviewed your letter dated December 19, 2002 pertaining to your comments of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Milan Beltway Extension over the Rock River. A copy of your letter is attached for your convenience.

Item "a" of your letter discusses any proposed changes affecting the existing profile of the levee system must be granted approval. Attached is a copy of the Type, Size and Location drawing (T, S & L) for Milan Beltway Extension over Interstate Route 280. The existing levee is identified on the T, S & L drawing and it shows that the existing levee will have to be modified to achieve 14'-9" vertical clearance. This will allow maintenance vehicles to pass under the Milan Beltway Extension structure. However, the integrity of the levee will not be compromised and will be completed by committing to the following issues:

- Piling for the proposed bridge will not penetrate the existing levee, but will be driven behind it (see TS&L)
- For clearance purposes, the top of the levee will be altered under the proposed bridge; however, beyond the bridge the levee will be tied into the bridge earth cones at the existing elevation.
- The earthwork for the bridge cones will be constructed to the north side of the levee and will be constructed of impervious material, according to specifications provided by your office.

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Item "b" states that Illinois Emergency Management Agency should be contacted to determine if the proposed project may impact areas designated as floodway. A letter has been sent to Ms. Jan Horton for her review with a drawing showing the entire project.

We understand your concerns surrounding the integrity of the levee and we guarantee that the continuity will not be jeopardized.

Please review the attached information and contact Ms. Deana Hermes at 815.284.5457 with any questions.

Sincerely,

Gregory L. Mounts
District Engineer



By: Ross E. Monk
Program Development Engineer

Attachment
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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY
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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF:

December 19, 2002

Planning, Programs, and
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Mr. Roger E. Rocke
District Engineer
Illinois Department of Transportation
Division of Highways/District 2
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Dear Mr. Rocke:

I received your letter dated November 8, 2002, with the attached Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) concerning Milan Beltway Extension (FAU 5822), Airport Road to Blackhawk Road/John Deere Expressway, Rock Island County, Illinois. Rock Island District staff reviewed the information you provided and have the following comments:

a. Your project crosses the Milan Local Flood Protection project. Any proposed changes affecting the existing profile of the levee system must be submitted for approval to the Rock Island District Emergency Management office. Sufficient overhead and horizontal clearance must be provided for effective operation and maintenance of the levee. The existing levee is constructed of impervious material, and bridge piers or abutments penetrating that profile are forbidden.

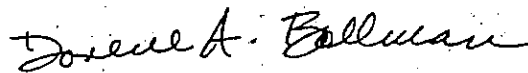
Special consideration may be given in the event the approach roadway must traverse the landside face of the levee. If you have any questions on this issue, please contact Mr. Rodney Delp of our Emergency Management Division/Security Office by telephoning 309/794-5230, or by writing to our address above, ATTN: CEMVR-EM (Delp).

b. The Illinois Emergency Management Agency should be contacted to determine if the proposed project may impact areas designated as floodway. Ms. Jan Horton is the Illinois State Hazard Mitigation Officer. Her address is: 110 East Adams Street, Springfield, Illinois 62701-1109. You can reach her by calling 217/782-8719.

No other concerns surfaced during our review. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on your proposal. If you need more information, please call Mr. Randy Kraciun of our Economic and Environmental Analysis Branch, telephone 309/794-5174.

You may find additional information about the Rock Island District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on our web site at <http://www.mvr.usace.army.mil>. To find out about other Districts within the Corps of Engineers, you may visit the following web site: <http://www.usace.army.mil/divdistmap.html>.

Sincerely,



Dorene A. Bollman
Acting Chief, Economic and
Environmental Analysis Branch



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IN REPLY REFER
TO:

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December 16, 2002



Ross E. Monk
Illinois Department of Transportation
Division of Highways District 2
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Dear Mr. Monk:

This letter provides comments regarding the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Milan Beltway Extension, FAU Route 5822, Section 1-3, Rock Island County, Illinois. We have reviewed the document and have no additional comments.

This precludes the need for further action on this project as required under Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. Should this project be modified or new information indicate endangered species may be affected, consultation should be initiated.

This letter provides comments under the authority of and in accordance with provisions of the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (48 Stat. 401, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 661 et seq.); and the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended. If you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact Heidi Woeber of my staff at (309) 793-5800.

Sincerely,

Richard C. Nelson
Supervisor

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February 19, 2003

Mr. Willie R. Taylor, Director
Office of Environmental Policy and Compliance
United States Department of the Interior
Office of the Secretary
Washington, D.C. 20240

Dear Mr. Taylor:

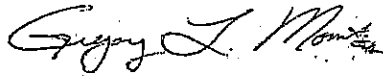
Thank you for providing comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Milan Beltway Extension (FAU 5822), Airport Road to Blackhawk Road/John Deere Expressway, Rock Island County, Illinois. This letter is in response to your specific comments regarding impacts to the Blackhawk State Historic Site and associated 4(f) issues.

As stated in the DEIS, Blackhawk State Historic Site is a heavily wooded historic site and recreational area that is located 2.4 kilometers (1.5 miles) west of the proposed Milan Beltway Extension. Blackhawk Road is a two-lane roadway that passes through the Blackhawk State Historic Site and will connect to the proposed Milan Beltway Extension at its interchange with the John Deere Expressway. Blackhawk Road is currently utilized by local traffic to gain access to the Village of Milan and to US 67. Without the proposed Milan Beltway Extension, forecasted increases in traffic volumes along Blackhawk Road, through the Blackhawk State Historic Site, will warrant widening the existing facility, causing adverse ecological impacts to this historic and recreational facility. However, by extending the existing Milan Beltway from its current termination point at Airport Road across the Rock River to the John Deere Expressway, a link between the developing areas south of the Rock River and the urbanized area north of the river will be provided. The new connection will provide the traveling public more direct access to the Village of Milan and US 67, reducing traffic volumes on Blackhawk Road and pushing the need to widen the facility further into the future. Thus the statement in the DEIS (page i), "The proposed extension would divert a substantial volume of traffic away from Blackhawk Road and the Blackhawk State Historic Site."

The proposed Milan Beltway Extension will not increase traffic through the Blackhawk State Historic Site and will not adversely impact this historic and recreational facility. The proposed Milan Beltway Extension does not require the use of a Section 4(f) property and will not require the completion of a Section 4(f) Evaluation. We will take action to clarify this issue in the FEIS when prepared.

If you have any further questions or require further information, please contact Ross Monk at (815) 284-5307.

Sincerely,



Gregory L. Mounts
District Engineer

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FHWA: Ariene Kocher

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Washington, D.C. 20240

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Mr. Norman R. Stoner
Division Administrator
Federal Highway Administration
U.S. Department of Transportation
3250 Executive Park Drive
Springfield, Illinois 62703

Dear Mr. Stoner:

As requested, the Department of the Interior (Department) has reviewed the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Milan Beltway Extension (FAU 5822), Airport Road to Blackhawk Road/John Deer Expressway, Rock Island County, Illinois. The Department offers the following comments for your consideration.

Section 4(f) Comments

The project summary statement (page i) states the "preferred alternative substantially reduces the rate of traffic increase on Blackhawk Road through the Blackhawk State Historic Park" (Park). The DEIS concludes that Blackhawk State Historic Park (Park) will not be impacted by the project, it is not entirely clear how this conclusion was derived. Please clarify if there is an increased level of traffic through the Park, resulting from the project, discuss any associated impacts, and if necessary, include this discussion in a Section 4(f) Evaluation. If there is Section 4(f) involvement, the Final Environmental Impact Statement should include an executed Memorandum of Understanding with the agency that manages the impacted Section 4(f) resources. The Memorandum of Understanding must demonstrate that the agency concurs with the proposed measures to minimize harm.

The Department has no objection to Section 4(f) approval of this project by the Department of Transportation, provided there is a concurrence with the measures to minimize harm to Section 4(f) resources by the agency involved.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide these comments.

Sincerely,

Sincerely,
William F. Taylor

Willie R. Taylor
Director, Office of Environmental
Policy and Compliance

cc:

Mr. Roger E. Rocke
District Engineer, District 2
Illinois Department of Transportation
819 Depot Avenue
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Rock Island County

May 4, 1988.

Mr. Richard C. Nelson
Field Supervisor
Rock Island Field Office
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
1830 Second Avenue
Rock Island, Illinois 61201

Dear Mr. Nelson:

The Illinois Department of Transportation and Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), as joint lead agencies, are proposing the reconstruction and extension of the Milan Beltway in Milan, Illinois. A portion of this project is located within the boundaries of the Quad Cities Municipal Airport, Moline, Illinois (see attachment). This project will consist of rebuilding Milan beltway to a four-lane freeway from the south project termini to a higher gradeline so as to cross above Airport Road, with an interchange built between the two facilities. The Beltway would then be extended northerly to cross I-280 and the Rock River. It will cross relocated Blackhawk Road/52nd Avenue, (including another interchange) before connecting with the John Deere Expressway. An Environmental impact Study is being prepared by the Department and the FHWA.

Contrary to their first finding, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has determined that a certain portion of this project's proposed right-of-way is a regulatory wetland as discussed in their letter of February 9, 1988 (see attached).

As your agency has a recognized expertise in this specific aspect of the proposed project, and pursuant to the Council on Environmental Quality regulations for implementing the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), we are requesting that your agency participate as a cooperating agency in the NEPA process for this project.

Mr. Richard C. Nelson
May 4, 1988
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If you have any comments or questions concerning this proposed project, please feel free to write or call Mr. Lawrence R. Hill, District Environment Unit Engineer, at this office (815/284-5450). You may also direct comments or questions regarding the project to the Illinois Division Office of the FHWA, 320 West Washington, Room 700, Springfield, Illinois 62701, Federal Telecommunications Service (FTS) number: 955-4600. It would be helpful if you could provide us the name of a contact person from your agency.

Sincerely,

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William D. Ost
District Engineer

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cc: Bureau of Location & Environment
FHWA Division Office



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PLANNING
Environment
FAU 5822
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Milan Beltway Extension
Rock Island County

May 4, 1988

Mr. Valvas A. Adamkus, Regional Administrator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
230 South Dearborn Street
Chicago, Illinois 60604

Dear Mr. Adamkus:

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Mr. Valvas A. Adamkus
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Sincerely,

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William D. Ost
District Engineer

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cc: Bureau of Location & Environment
FHWA Division Office



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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF

JAN 13 2003

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Roger E. Roche, P.E.
District Engineer
District 2, Illinois DOT
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Dixon, Illinois 61021

RE: Milan Beltway Extension (FAU 5822) Airport Road to Blackhawk Road/John Deere Expressway, CEQ number 020467

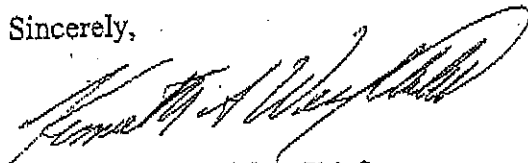
Dear Mr. Roche:

In accordance with Section 309 of the Clean Air Act and the National Environmental Policy Act, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has reviewed the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the proposed Milan Beltway Extension (FAU 5822) Airport Road to Blackhawk Road/John Deere Expressway Rock Island County, Illinois. The purpose and need for the proposed project is to connect the developing area south of Rock River and the urbanized area north of the river. There is also a need to address present and projected traffic volumes by providing for a new crossing over the Rock River. The proposed action consists of construction of approximately 2 miles of four-lane access-controlled divided highway crossing the Rock River by connecting the Milan Beltway to the John Deere Expressway. Only two alternatives were considered for the proposal, the preferred and no action. The preferred alternative will result in the displacement of five residences and eleven businesses, permanent loss of 22.3 acres of wetlands, removal of 16.2 acres of forested areas, and filling of 26.7 acres of Rock River floodplain.

Based on the information provided in this document our Agency has a lack of objection "LO" to the build alternatives and to the proposed project overall. This "LO" rating indicates that we believe that the proposed project will result in minimum adverse impacts to the environment with appropriate mitigation and that we did not identify any outstanding environmental issues that need additional analysis. This rating will be published in the Federal Register.

Thank you for the opportunity to review the DEIS for the proposed Milan Beltway Extension project. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Al Fenedick at (312) 886-6872 or by E-mail fenedick.al@epa.gov.

Sincerely,



Kenneth A. Westlake, Chief
Environmental Planning and Evaluation Branch
Office of Strategic Environmental Analysis